Colchester Board of Education
Code of Conduct

We carry out our respective roles with the highest levels of professionalism, honesty, and integrity.

We promote ethical behavior in and out of the Boardroom as a model for the district and community, and are careful with our actions and words.

We speak with one voice and provide full disclosure. Each member will provide input, encouragement, express concerns, and positions rather than withhold information from others.

We strive to build trusting relationships with fellow board members, the Superintendent, staff, and the community.

We will use positive communication and understand we serve as part of an educational team with mutual respect, trust, civility and regard for each other's roles and responsibilities.

We will use positive communication when speaking about other board members and staff, and treat each other and CPS staff with mutual respect, trust, and civility.

We will strive to represent common interests rather than factions. We will make decisions that are best for students in ALL cases, and consider and decide all issues fairly and without bias.

We will hold confidential all matters pertaining to CPS that, if disclosed, might needlessly injure individuals or the schools.

We will make the work of the Board a priority and be on time and prepared for meetings.

We recognize our responsibility is not to "run the schools," but to see that they are well-run through effective policies and oversight.

We will abide by the principle of majority-rule.

We recognize that authority rests only with the whole board assembled in meeting, and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.

We will utilize, and encourage others to utilize, the proper “chain of command” at all times.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Agreement: _____

References: The Essential School Board Book by Nancy Walser; CABE (CT Association of Boards of Education), Colchester Public Schools Policy 9271